# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
# LOK SABHA

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POLLUTION CONTROL
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

(a) the details of improvement so far made to control pollution in air, land and water after the establishment of Pollution Control Boards; and

(b) the comparative figures in relation to quantity of pollution that existed before and after taking pollution control measures, State - wise?

## Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a) Control of pollution and improvement of environment has been made by installation of air pollution control devices in air polluting industries, laying down of emission standards and use of washed coal in major sectors of air polluting industries like, thermal power plants. For improving the ambient air quality, fuel quality specifications have been laid down and programs undertaken for improvement of fuel quality. For controlling of water pollution, water polluting industries have been persuaded to set up effluent treatment plants. Large & Medium industries have installed such effluent treatment plants. Under the National River Conservation Plan, the towns located on the river banks have been covered for setting up of Sewage Treatment Plants. Polluted river stretches have been identified for restoration of water quality. To prevent pollution of land, the standards for disposal of waste water on land have been prescribed. The steps taken include the following :

- Standards have been laid down for discharge of effluents, emission and solid wastes from different sources.
- Ambient water and air quality norms have been prescribed.
- The polluting industries have been identified and directed to comply with the pollution control requirements in a time bound manner.
- Fuel quality improvement programs have been undertaken.

(b) With the measures taken for pollution control the pollution load in terms of Bio-Chemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) from the industrial and domestic sources in various States has been reduced from 9478 tonnes/day to 1776 tonnes/day and 4200 tonnes/day to 3350 tonnes/day respectively.